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"OKAY, SO THE DREAM:

"I'M EIGHT YEARS OLD.

"I'M AT MY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

"MY MOM IS THERE.

"MY *REAL* MOM, I MEAN. THE SCARLET WITCH.

"TALKING TO ONE OF THE ORIGINAL AVENGERS.

"IT'S ALWAYS SOMEONE DIFFERENT, BUT LAST NIGHT, IT WAS THE *WASP*."

--HE HAS HIS FATHER'S EYES!

LORD, WANDA, LOOK HOW *BIG* HE'S GOTTEN. HE'S GROWING LIKE A *WEED*. AND THOSE *EYES* OF HIS...HE'S GOING TO BE A REAL LADY-KILLER...A REGULAR *HAWKEYE* JUNIOR!

WELL, I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR *THOSE*, JANET. TRUTH BE TOLD--

WOW, MEPHISTO? REALLY?

AND THEN I WAKE UP, SHIVERING. FILLED WITH ***DREAD***, TEDDY. WITH THIS, LIKE, ***VISE*** ON MY HEART...

THAT SUCKS.

AND THEY'VE BEEN GETTING ***WORSE***, THE DREAMS, SINCE THE ***WAR***.

THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO DO THIS. ***THAT'S*** WHY I HAVE TO FIND THE SCARLET WITCH. I KNOW WHAT I ***THINK*** I AM, BUT...I HAVE TO BE ***SURE***. I HAVE TO KNOW MY PAST, MY HISTORY.

THEY'RE JUST DREAMS, BILLY.

YEAH, BUT IF I CAN FIND HER AND ***HELP*** HER...

...MAYBE SHE COULD COME BACK. AND WHAT HAPPENED WITH HER BEFORE... WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

AT LEAST LET ME COME WITH YOU. A GLOBE-TROTTING QUEST? IT COULD BE OUR FIRST ***OFFICIAL*** TRIP TOGETHER AS, YOU KNOW, BFs...

NO, THAT SHOULD BE TO, LIKE, P-TOWN OR SOMETHING...

SAN FRANCISCO...

BESIDES--

FOOMP!

HEYWHAT'SUP? WEREADYTOROCK ANDROLL?

--SPEED'S COMING WITH ME, TEE, IT'S KIND OF A *BROTHER* THING.

PLUS, I NEED YOUR HELP HERE.

"MY PARENTS WOULD *FREAK* IF THEY FOUND OUT I WAS ON A *VISION* QUEST LOOKING FOR THE MOST DANGEROUS MUTANT ON THE PLANET."

BILLY? HONEY?

DIN-*NER!*

I'LL TEXT YOU...

COME *ON*, ROMEOS. BETWEEN MY SPEED AND BILLY'S MAGIC, THIS SHOULD BE *CAKE.*

FIRST STOP--GENOSHA, RIGHT?

ACTUALLY--

FOOMP!

REMIND ME AGAIN: DO WE LIKE HIM?

TO BE DETERMINED.

KNOCK! KNOCK!

BIL-LY? WHY IS THE DOOR LOCKED?

WELL...

WELL...

...YOU KNOW, RIGHT?

I DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT?

ME, TOO.

AND THEN SOME.

SO GO--

--AND I'LL HAVE DINNER WITH YOUR FOLKS.

SORRY ABOUT THAT, MOM, I GUESS I WAS *STUDYING* SO INTENTLY, I DIDN'T HEAR YOU...

MY NAME'S BILLY KAPLAN AND IT'S *OFFICIAL:* I HAVE THE COOLEST BOYFRIEND *EVER.*

IWANNA BEINGENOSHAI WANNABEIN GENOSHAIWANNA BEIN--

--GENOSHA.

WHOA. GENOSHA...

SLOWPOKE. WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

I...WAS SAYING BYE.

MY TWIN BROTHER THOMAS SHEPERD IS A SPEEDSTER.

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO'S OLDER--

RIGHT, TO THE--

=COUGH, COUGH=

--SKRULL.

--BUT SPEED CERTAINLY *ACTS* LIKE HE IS.

YOU GUYS'RE GETTING PRETTY HOT AND *HEAVY*, HUH?

WATCH IT, BRO; REMEMBER WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT *MIXED* MARRIAGES...THEY *NEVER* WORK.

GENOSHA.

ISLAND OF THE DEAD.

THE LAST "*OFFICIAL*" PLACE WANDA MAXIMOFF WAS SEEN BY... WELL, BY *ANYONE*.

THOMAS?

A) I'M NOT *GOING* THERE WITH YOU, THOMAS.

AND B) A MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEASE. DON'T FORGET WHERE WE ARE.

HEY, WILLIAM? I'M NOT TRYING TO BE DISRESPECTFUL OR ANYTHING, BUT MOM'S NOT HERE.

HUH?

WHILE I WAS WAITING FOR YOU? I LOOKED AROUND, AND--

--SHE'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

TOMMY...

...HOW FAST ARE YOU, EXACTLY?

ME? I'M QUICKSILVER FAST!

WUNDAGORE'S NEXT, RIGHT?

FOOMP!

SIGH

I WANNABE ATWUNDAGOREI WANNABEATWUNDA GOREIWANNA BEAT--

WUNDAGORE MOUNTAIN.

IF HARRY POTTER REALLY EXISTED, HE'D HAVE A VACATION HOME HERE.

IT'S ALSO WHERE THE SCARLET WITCH AND HER BROTHER QUICKSILVER WERE BORN.

IF MOM'S STILL ALIVE--

GUESS WHAT? SHE'S NOT HERE, EITHER.

YOU'RE SURE? YOU CHECKED *EVERY* HOUSE?

EVERY HOUSE, EVERY COTTAGE, EVERY CHALET, EVERY *EVERYTHING*.

YEAH, BUT--

LISTEN, I'VE BEEN AROUND ENOUGH MAGICAL TYPES TO KNOW WHAT THEY *FEEL* LIKE, AND--*ZILCH*.

NO OFFENSE TO MY BROTHER, BUT I *DOUBLE CHECK* BY TRYING TO ZERO IN ON ANY ENERGY THAT REFLECTS MINE, AND...

...ZILCH.

UNLESS SHE'S IN DEEP, *DEEP* COVER...

...HER POWERS *COMPLETELY* BURIED...

...OUR MOM'S NOT HERE.

THIS IS FUN. WHERE TO NEXT?

WHERE I WANTED US TO GO IN THE *FIRST* PLACE, GENIUS.

WHERE WE COULD'VE TAKEN THE *BUS* FROM MANHATTAN.

THE *BUS*? IN WHAT *REALITY*?

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--CRESSKILL.

NEW *JERSEY*?

IT'S WHERE MOM LIVED WITH THE VISION, IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE SOME *SEMBLANCE* OF A NORMAL LIFE.

IT'S WHERE WE WERE...*BORN*, OR WHATEVER.

HEY--

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S *HOME* SWEET HOME--

C'MON--

TOMMY, *WAIT--*

SORRY, NOT IN MY VOCAB--

KER-RACKK!!

--ULARY.

UHM-- NICE DIGS.

HELL, RIGHT? THIS IS HELL?

DORK. SUCH A DORK. DOESN'T HE KNOW?

IT'S ALWAYS A TRAP.

A SIMPLE SPELL OF PROTECTION MAKES SURE WHATEVER HAPPENED TO TOMMY DOESN'T HAPPEN TO ME.

(DANG, I FORGOT TO TEXT TEDDY...)

H-HELLO?

WHOEVER'S IN HERE, YOU...

...YOU SHOULDN'T BE. THIS IS, UH, PRIVATE PROPERTY.

TRUE...

...BUT SURELY YOU'VE HEARD OF *SQUATTER'S* RIGHTS?

EVEN WITHOUT HIS HELMET AND MASK, I RECOGNIZE THIS GUY FROM THE AVENGERS ARCHIVES, AND HE'S *BAD* NEWS.

LIKE, *GALACTUS*-BAD. *DR. DOOM*-BAD--

MEPHISTO-BAD.

HM? NO, NOT *QUITE* AT THAT LEVEL--

--THOUGH MASTER PANDEMONIUM *DOES* HAVE *SOME* TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE!

OY, HERE WE GO WITH THE THIRD-PERSON NARRATION...

STAFF--

AND JUST LIKE THAT, *WICCAN* IS HOLDING IT!

(SEE? I JUST CAN'T PULL THAT OFF...)

MEANWHILE...

OKAY, WHATTA WE GOT HERE?

FLAMES--

SULFUR--

DEMONS--

SOULS IN TORMENT--

--AHHH, I'M IN *TROUBLE*, AREN'T I?

OH, MAN, BILLY, WHATEVER'S GOING ON WITH YOU, *DON'T* FORGET YOUR BIG BROTHER--

PANDEMONIUM--

--AUF--

--WIEDERSEHEN!!

CRACKKK!

YEAH, I'M QUOTING *PROJECT RUNWAY*...

...AND YEAH, IT DOESN'T *QUITE* WORK...

CURIOUS.

YOUR MAGIC--

HUH--!

HUHNN--

BARELY BLOCKED THAT...

I RECOGNIZE YOUR MAGIC.

SUPER-KEEN--

--NOW WHERE'S MY BROTHER, DEMONSPAWN?

IN HELL.

BUT HOLD--

OH, YEAH, RIGHT, I'LL DO THAT--

PANDEMONIUM SAID HOLD--

FINE--

--I'M, YOU KNOW, HOLDING.

YOUR MAGIC IS THE SCARLET WITCH'S MAGIC.

YOUR BROTHER...IS YOUR TWIN BROTHER?

YEAH, AND IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM--

(GET-OFF-FREAKS-)

--YOU'RE GONNA SEE JUST HOW MUCH LIKE MY MOTHER I AM--

HER TWINS...

PANDEMONIUM HAD NO IDEA YOU EXISTED STILL--

OH, I *EXIST* ALL RIGHT.

YOU HAVE, LIKE, *THREE* SECONDS BEFORE I GO ALL *CHAOS MAGIC* ON YOU.

ONE, TWO--

THEN THERE'S A FLASH OF LIGHT, COURTESY OF PANDEMONIUM--

AND SOMEHOW, WHEN IT FADES--

BILLY? *FINALLY.*

THERE'S NO *DOORS* IN THIS FREAKIN' PLACE--

YOU CAN TELL ME *ALL* ABOUT IT--

--ON THE WAY *HOME.*

AND THE CREEPY OLD GUY IS...?

DIABOLICAL SUPER-VILLAIN WITH TIES TO THE AVENGERS.

(SO PLAY IT *COOL,* OKAY?)

TO THE EARTHLY PLANE!

AND THEN, JUST LIKE THAT, IN ANOTHER FLASH OF LIGHT--

--WE'RE BACK IN *CRESSKILL.*

HAVING, APPARENTLY, A *CIVILIZED* CONVERSATION WITH PANDEMONIUM. (*CRAZY*, RIGHT?)

PANDEMONIUM KNEW YOU WHEN YOU WERE BUT INFANTS...

PANDEMONIUM WAS LED TO BELIEVE YOU WERE *SLIVERS* OF HIS MISSING SOUL, TRANSMOGRIFIED INTO THE SCARLET WITCH'S BABIES...

TRANSMOGRIFIED? IS THAT EVEN A *WORD?*

SHUT-- UP--

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

BUT YOU WEREN'T. YOU WERE BORN OF *DARKER* ENERGIES... MEPHISTOPHELES...

WE *KNOW* THIS--

TOMMY-- SHUT THE *HELL* UP!

AFTER PANDEMONIUM'S...CONFLICT WITH THE SCARLET WITCH AND HER ALLIES, YOU WERE ERASED FROM THE SCARLET WITCH'S MEMORY, WHICH--PANDEMONIUM BELIEVES--CONTRIBUTED TO HER ULTIMATE PSYCHIC BREAKDOWN...

WHEN PANDEMONIUM REALIZED WHAT DAMAGE HE HAD WROUGHT, AS ONE OF MEPHISTO'S PAWNS, HE WENT INTO HIDING. YOU STUMBLED UPON HIS LATEST SANCTUARY...

THIS HOUSE.

BUT...*WHY* DID YOU COME HERE? WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FOR?

PEACE, CHILD. *SOLITUDE.*

WHAT WERE *YOU* LOOKING FOR, WHEN YOU CAME HERE?

OUR...

OUR *MOTHER.*

OUR *HISTORY.*

YOUR HISTORY...

I WAS AN *ACTOR*, ONCE, BEFORE THE PACT WITH MEPHISTO THAT TURNED ME INTO THIS... *ABOMINATION.*

A MOVIE STAR WITH THE WORLD AT HIS FINGERTIPS...

YOUR PAST-- YOUR HISTORY--IS *DARKNESS* AND *CHAOS.*

WHATEVER YOUR PRESENT, PANDEMONIUM'S ADVICE IS...

...EMBRACE IT.

AND SO...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE DIDN'T *DO* ANYTHING.

LIKE, *ARREST* HIM OR SOMETHING.

GIMME A *BREAK*, TOMMY--

--HE'S NOT *DOING* ANYTHING.

EXCEPT *WALLOWING*.

"AND *MOURNING* SOMETHING HE LOST...

"...A *LONG* TIME AGO, SEEMS TO ME."

WE'LL UPDATE THE Y.A. RECORDS ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS--

--BUT OTHERWISE... LIVE AND LET *LIVE*, YOU KNOW?

YEAH, OKAY, FINE, BUT WHAT ABOUT *MOM*?

WHAT ABOUT *FINDING* HER?

...

I DON'T KNOW, TOMMY...

"...I DON'T THINK SHE'S DEAD. I THINK SHE'S OUT THERE, SOMEWHERE...

"...NOT *WANTING* TO BE FOUND..."

...AND MAYBE THAT'S *OKAY.*

MAYBE PANDEMONIUM'S RIGHT. MAYBE, FOR NOW, THE PRESENT *IS* BETTER--

--YOU KNOW?

WHAT-*EVER.*

AND, UH, WHY ARE WE TAKING THE *BUS*, BY THE WAY?

"YOU DIDN'T FIND HER, DID YOU?"

AND HOW WAS TOMMY?

FINE. HE WAS...

WE *DO* LIKE HIM. SORTA.

HEY--

YEAH?

--I LIKE *YOU*. A *LOT*. I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T GONE LONG.

NO, BUT--

--BUT IT'S *ALL GOOD*, I THINK.

MY NAME IS BILLY KAPLAN...

...AND RIGHT NOW, RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME, IN HISTORY, THERE'S NO PAST, THERE'S NO FUTURE, THERE'S JUST *THIS*.

AND IT'S MAGIC.

NEXT: VISION...

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